

a pick adapted to be held by the user and to be moved in a contacting and strumming relationship with the strings of the musical instrument;

a thumb sleeve adapted for disposition on the thumb of the user;

attachment means including a first structure carried by the sleeve and a second structure carried by the pick, the attachment means being adapted for releasably attaching the pick to the sleeve; and

the attached pick being moveable by the fingers of the user between a first position and a second position translationally spaced from the first position on the meatus of the thumb.

18. A pick combination adapted for use in strumming/picking the strings of a musical instrument, comprising:

a sleeve having a tubular configuration and extending longitudinally between a proximal opening and a distal opening, the sleeve having an exterior surface, and an interior surface defining an interior region of the sleeve;

a pick having a tip and being disposed relative to the sleeve with the tip extending exteriorly of the sleeve;

attachment means for removably coupling the pick to the sleeve in a first position on the sleeve; and

as cond. the pick further having a second position on the sleeve, the second position being translationally spaced from the first position so that the pick may be moved in and out of a position of use by the user.

✓ Please add the following new claims:

26. The pick combination recited in Claim 10 further comprising:

a sleeve having a tubular configuration and extending longitudinally between a proximal opening and a distal opening, the sleeve having an exterior surface, and an interior surface defining an interior region of the sleeve;

the pick having a tip and being disposed relative to the sleeve with the tip extending exteriorly of the sleeve; and

attachment means for removably coupling the pick to the sleeve.

27. The pick combination recited in Claim 26, wherein the attachment means and the pick are disposed exteriorly of the sleeve.

28. The pick combination recited in Claim 26, wherein the attachment means and the pick are disposed in the interior region of the sleeve with the tip of the pick projecting exteriorly of the sleeve.

29. The pick combination recited in Claim 28, wherein the tip of the pick extends through the distal opening of the sleeve.

30. The pick combination recited in Claim 28, wherein:

portions of the sleeve define a lateral hole extending through the sleeve; and

the tip of the pick extends exteriorly of the sleeve through the lateral hole.

31. The pick combination as recited in claim 10, and adapted for use by a user having a thumb with a meatus, further comprising:

the pick adapted to be held by the user and to be moved in a contacting and strumming relationship with the strings of the musical instrument;

a thumb sleeve adapted for disposition on the thumb of the user;

attachment means including a first structure carried by the sleeve and a second structure carried by the pick, the attachment means being adapted for releasably attaching the pick to the sleeve; and

the attached pick being moveable by the fingers of the user between a first position and a second position spaced from the first position on the meatus of the thumb.

32. The pick combination recited in Claim 31, wherein:

the thumb is disposed generally in a plane and has a tip and a longitudinal configuration; and

the first position is laterally spaced from the second position on the meatus of the thumb.

33. The pick combination recited in Claim 31, wherein in the thumb is disposed generally in a plane and has a tip and a longitudinal configuration; and

the first position is longitudinally spaced from the second position on the meatus of the thumb.

34. The pick combination recited in Claim 32, wherein:

the pick in the first position has a first angle relative to the plane of the thumb;
and

the pick in the second position has a second angle different than the first angle relative to the plane of the thumb.

35. The pick combination recited in Claim 33, wherein:

the pick in the first position is disposed in a proximal relationship to the tip of the thumb; and

the pick in the second position is disposed in a spaced relationship with the tip of the thumb.

36. The pick combination recited in Claim 32, wherein:

the first position is an extended position; and

the second position is a retracted position.

37. The pick combination recited in Claim 31, further comprising:

means for biasing the pick to the second position.

38. The pick combination recited in Claim 31, wherein the pick has a generally planar configuration and the combination further comprises:

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the pad having a first surface generally parallel to the plane of the pick and a second surface generally non-parallel to the plane of the pick.

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The pick combination recited in Claim 38, wherein the pad is tapered.

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